

Welcome to Versailles State Park



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Please join us for any activity. All programs are free and open to the public. All activities will be held at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. All times for programs are Daylight S.T. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor programs. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Please stop by and visit our Nature Center during your stay. Live snakes, turtles, fish, and exhibits highlight the natural resources of our park. Thank you and enjoy your visit!

Week of July 14-20, 2008

Monday, July 14- Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Nature Center Closed.

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

10 am Animal Imposters

Both predator and prey use remarkable forms of deception to achieve their goals- either to eat or avoid being eaten. Come watch this 1 hr video on animal imposters.



12 pm Edible Forest

What could you eat, if you had to survive in the woods? Would you be surprised if I told you that this lush green forest could be a salad? Come find out what's good eatin and what's poisonous, so if you're ever lost you'll not be without food.



2 pm Turtle Time

Come to the nature center to learn about our turtles and then make you own turtle to keep.

Friday, July 18, 2008

Nature Center Open from 2-6 pm

2 pm Wildflower Stroll

Take a hike with the interpretive naturalist to learn more about the park's beautiful wildflowers, their uses and their folklore.

7-9 pm Campground Nature Center

Tonight the nature center will be in the campground. Stop by and meet the naturalist, see live animals, pick up lots of free brochures and goodies for the kids, find out what's going on this weekend and ask the naturalist all your questions. Campground A- First Comfort Station.

Saturday, July 19, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

10 am Creek Safari

Want to get wet in wild in Fallen Timber Creek, well here's your chance. Join us for a creek safari to discover aquatic life and fossils. Please wear old clothes and shoes, we will be getting wet and muddy and bring a net if you wish.



12 pm Tree ID 101

Come Learn about the diversity of trees in Versailles State Park and the uses of those trees. Through learning how to identify trees using a key, you will begin to discover the diversity in this lush green forest.



2 pm Nature Bingo

Join us at the nature center for a fun look at nature. Through the classic game of bingo, you will explore the outdoors around you and learn about things you might not have seen before.

9 pm Nature's Night Owls

Take a hike with the interpretive naturalist down the saddle barn road, to discover nature's nightlife. Find out who is out at night and learn how animals depend less on their vision at night and develop their other senses, through this interactive and enjoyable hike for the whole family. Please do not bring flashlights, remember we are learning to develop our night vision and rely on our other senses. Meet at Oak Grove Shelter Parking Lot.



Sunday, July 13, 2008

10 am Sunday Morning Stroll

Join the interpretive naturalist on a leisurely hike on Fire Tower Road. We will be hiking all of 2 miles and enjoying nature on this early morning hike, and talking about the different birds, plants and animals we see as we hike. Plan about 1 and 1/2 hrs for this program. Meet at Oak Grove Parking Lot.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

We will be having Sunday worship services every week this summer at 8:30 AM at the first comfort station in Campground A, the breezeway area.

12 pm Wildfires Nature Video

Join us in the nature center as we relax and watch an informative 40-minute video on wildfires. We will learn the difference between wild fires and prescribed burns used by many agencies such as the DNR. Then the naturalist will discuss how controlled burns are important to areas such as Versailles State Park.



2 pm Going Green

Want to help the environment or be more green, but aren't sure where to start? Come to the nature center to learn that it's easy being green and it doesn't take much change. Learn what activities you do everyday help the environment or hurt it and how much you should be concerned about them.



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Come to the nature center to pick up your clue sheet. See how many items you can find. Then come back to the nature center for a prize.